

Replacement of Bridge on Route 202 over Mine Brook Bernardsville

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The New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) is committed to developing transportation improvements that best balance the transportation needs, environment, community concerns and costs. One of the critical elements related to the success of a project is the relationship that NJDOT develops with a community. You are encouraged to actively participate by providing comments at the meeting, by mail or by e-mail.

The Meeting

The Public Information Center will be held at the **Bernardsville Public Library, 1 Anderson Hill Road on Tuesday, May 10, 2005 from 4:30 pm – 8:00 pm.** Please come at a time that is convenient for you.

Representatives from NJDOT and the design team will describe the project and answer your questions about the proposed preliminary design plans on display for the replacement of the structure on Route 202 (Mine Brook Road) located between Lakeview Drive and Meeker Road.

The Proposed Project

The existing bridge, built around 1900, is in serious physical condition due to the deterioration of the supporting concrete arch and has inadequate width.

A plan for the proposed bridge layout is shown on the opposite side of this document. Based on discussions with Bernardsville officials and input from the local community, the proposed project will:

- Replace the existing 34-foot wide bridge with a 38.5-foot wide bridge of pre-cast concrete arch with stone facing.

- Provide two 12-foot lanes and two 5-foot shoulders (inside dimensions).
- Provide stone facing on the parapets over a concrete core.
- Attach beam guide rail to each end of parapets, leaving the parapets exposed.
- Keep Lakeview Drive open, but make it one way from Route 202 to Lakeview Drive.
- Investigate and address drainage problem at the southwest corner of Lakeview Drive and Route 202.
- Implement car and truck detours. The proposed plan calls for cars to be detoured through Whiteneck and Meeker Roads while the bridge is being replaced. A separate detour for trucks using state and county roads will be posted. In order to reduce the duration of the closure of Route 202, the bridge will be made of pre-fabricated pre-cast concrete components that will be assembled on site.

Estimated Schedule and Cost

Based on funding availability and unforeseen delays, construction may begin Summer 2006 at an estimated cost of approximately \$850,000.

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